

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits the 1986 Smithfield Show, Earls Court

Mr Kinnock addresses Kennedy School of Government on defence, Harvard University

DHSS conference on violence to staff in benefit offices

Australian judge rules on disclosure of Wright case documents

STATISTICS

UK Official reserves (November)

PUBLICATIONS

Report and Accounts of CICB 1985

NAO: Financial Control and Accountability of BBC External Services (11.00)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Opposition Day (2nd allotted day).
There will be a debate entitled "Insider Dealing" on an Opposition Motion.

Afterwards, a debate entitled "Fuel Poverty" on an Opposition Motion.

Debate on EC Documents relating to the Multi-Fibre Arrangement. New Protocol and Bi-Lateral Agreements.

Motion on the House of Commons Disqualification Act.

Motion on the European Assembly Elections Regulations 1986.

Business:

Adjournments

The ending of cancer treatment at the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton (Dr I Twinn)

Select Committees: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Student Awards

Witnesses: Officials from the Department of Education and Science

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONERS FOR ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Reports of the Health Service Commissioner 1985-86

Witnesses: Wandsworth Health Authority and Dudley Health Authority

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)

Lords Minors' Contracts Bill (HL): Second Reading

 London Docklands Railway (City Extension) Bill: Third Reading

 Enterprise Ulster (Continuation of Functions) (Northern Ireland) Order. Motion for Approval.

 Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order.

 UQ on speech therapists.

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMI5 CASE

- Judge orders bits of some documents to be handed over to Defence.
- A fuss over Michael Allison's alleged remark about Sir Robert Armstrong; leaked by his Alliance opponent.
- Speaker to investigate allegations that Labour MPs have had their 'phones tapped.
- Attorney General says he won't resign and praises your support.
- Today: Small piece headed "Kinnock 'phone bug inquiry".
- Mirror P1: Maggie faces secrets shame - a reference to the possibility of your having to decide to withdraw from the case after the judge's ruling "which could mean your losing even more credibility". Another story headed "Kinnock 'bug' claim probe.
- Express says Kinnock in USA discussed claims he had been bugged as 'highly speculative'. Report from Australia headed: Roll up and bash a Pom" says it's all the fun of the fair as Aussies indulge in their favourite sport; leader headed: "State Secrets code demands no betrayal" says it is essential we keep our eye on the simple central point - members of the Security Services should not be allowed to publish memoirs. And no wonder Kinnock and Turnbull have been helping each other.
- Mail: Blow to Britain in MI5 case - reference to judgement; Colin Welch says that it is deplorable if Kinnock's and Labour MPs' 'phones are tapped - and for those who have to listen in.
- FT: The Government last night closed ranks in the face of renewed Opposition attacks; Labour is expected to step up its attack on you today; you have ordered a gloves-off attack on Neil Kinnock for his involvement with defence counsel.
- Telegraph leader says Sir Robert now resembles a bull so adorned with banderillas that even the most sadistic yearns to see him dispatched. The principal damage to the Government's standing lies in the ridicule to which it has been exposed but fortunately Labour can usually be counted upon to restore the appearance of Conservative competence and Mr Kinnock has not disappointed.

MI5 CASE (Cont'd)

- Guardian leads with MI5 files must be given to defence.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, claims two great offices - Cabinet Secretary and Attorney General - have been dethroned at a stroke by this and Westland.
- Independent: Kinnock does not think bugging allegations worth following up "because it is so speculative".

- A High Court Judge in Dublin will decide today whether to place an outright ban on "One Girl's War".
- David Lange, New Zealand premier, is unimpressed by claims that Hollis was a Russian spy.

MICHAEL ALISON'S alleged remark leaked by Alliance candidate for Selby; he was only repeating newspaper jibes to show the whole case was being treated as a farce.

- Star P1: "Our Wally Down Under" - you face embarrassment over alleged remark.
- Sun P2: Maggie's top aide in wally joke rumpus.
- Express leads with Maggie aide in MI5 trial row over Armstrong: "He's a wally among the Wallabies; you were dropped into fresh spy misery.
- Mail P9: Maggie's aide and spy case "Wally among Wallabies".
- Times: Michael Alison, according to a prospective Alliance parliamentary candidate, described Sir Robert Armstrong as "a wally among the wallabies" during an informal discussion in Selby. Mr Alison denies this and said the account is garbled.
- Telegraph P1: Thatcher aide in "Wally" jibe.
- Guardian P1: Aide denies credit for Armstrong "wally" joke.

KINNOCK'S VISIT

- Kissinger and Patrick Moynihan pull out of meetings and only a handful turn up for his speech in Atlanta.
- Washington Post says he risks turning Britain from America's closest ally into the status of small country like Denmark and New Zealand.
- Star P8: Neil Nobody - stayaway Yanks humiliate Kinnock; says his visit was running into trouble on all fronts and he is facing hostility and apathy, left reeling by snubs by US politicians.
- Sun P6: Snub for Kinnock.
- Mirror: reduced to 12 lines on what he hopes from his speech on defence.
- Express: Kinnock's visit threatened with disaster as one prestige appointment after another was abandoned. Macnamara also pulls out.
- Mail: Kinnock's roadshow snubbed all the way, plunging deeper and deeper into disaster. Even his host, Andrew Young, Mayor of Atlanta, seen to nod off as Kinnock talked for a full hour to 50 people. Paul Johnson on Kinnock's 'Mission Impossible' to convince Americans of his defence policy this week and British voters in next election.
- Times: So far it has not been Mr Kinnock's week. There is no reaction to his visit at all. "The only jostling has been that of members of the US political establishment rushing to cancel meetings with him; the Americans, most of whom would recognise only three Britons - the Queen, the Princess of Wales and you - were always likely to be asking "Neil who?".
- Mr Kinnock called for America's Poseidon submarines to be banned from Holy Loch in response to the US breach of Salt 2.

POLITICS

- Red Ted Knight is set to fight Deptford for Labour at next election, claims Sun.
- Labour councillor charged with assault on ex-Militant on Merseyside who was about to spill the beans.
- Times: Labour activists in Blyth Valley who opposed the Militant Tendency faced "physical intimidation", Mr John Ryman, the moderate MP for the Northumberland seat says.

USA

- President Reagan hails Colonel North as a hero and launches a no-holds-barred inquiry.
- Times: President Reagan, who insists he will not "back off" over the Iran affair, yesterday had talks with the advisers appointed to investigate the National Security Council; calls for the appointment of a special prosecutor to look into the affair were given guarded support by the President; Weinberger today begins a visit to Europe and Morocco to soothe matters.
- Independent: Dismay in the US over a perceived foreign policy gap. Donald Regan is subject to unabated criticism.

ECONOMY

- Lord Scarman praises people in the black economy for "keeping the country going: "Quite justifiable for people who can't get a job".
 - Mail says Teddy Taylor is asking Home Secretary to look into the remarks and CBI is angry. Leader says the indulgent jurist is talking through his wig. People who work in the black economy do have a job; what they don't have is a legally filled in tax return. Scarman sounds as if he is condoning law breaking.
 - Independent: 34% of children under 5 have building society accounts.
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- FT: Britain can expect a revival in its growth rate next year, at the expense of slightly higher inflation and a deteriorating trade position, says the Society of Business Economists.

INDUSTRY

- Guinness to be investigated by City investigators appointed by the Government. Shares nosedive as "another big bang hits the City" (Today). Boesky emerges as key figure in case. Today leader says there is not much credit left in the City's reputation bank.
 - Express: City sensation with shock insider dealing probe.
 - Mail leads with revelations by Boesky are believed to have led to the investigation.
 - Telegraph says Scots MPs condemn Saunders, chief executive of Guinness for bringing business world into disrepute.
 - Times: P1 lead: The City was shocked by yesterday's announcement; at one point £330m was wiped off the company's market value.
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- 600 workers made redundant by forklift truck firm, Coventry Climax, retired after buyouts by two rivals.
 - Beef farmers threaten blockade of ports unless "flood" of cheap imports from Ireland stopped.
 - Times: Share applications have reached 3m and a late surge will be needed if the TSB figure of 5m is to be reached.
 - Times : Final details of a tender to supply Saudi Arabia with a complete submarine fleet in an export deal worth around £1bn are being completed by Vickers.
 - FT: Rover Group is pulling out of the CBI.
 - Treasury worries about the impact of new space programmes on public spending are contributing to delays in deciding whether to join a European Space Agency scheme to design a mini space shuttle.
 - Times: The Bishop of London will tonight in the Lords try to block the building of the £100m rail link between the City and London's docklands because of fears about the Canary Wharf development.
 - Britain heading for industrial and commercial disaster because neither Government nor industry understands or sufficiently supports science, according to Sir George Porter.
 - Independent: ECGD debts set to exceed £1.1bn.
 - Sir George Porter forecasting a new brain drain as many young scientists go abroad seeking salaries and research facilities "that would be unthinkable here" (Independent).

UNIONS

- Ron Todd defeated in attempt to appoint a Left winger to post of SW regional secretary.
- FT: Employees at the Dagenham plant of May and Baker have voted to accept the lower of two pay increases offered to them.
- CPUSA to call for all out DHSS strike in London and Home Counties against new Social Security Act, new technology and training.

MEDIA

- Star attacks ACTT demanding 450% premium for all night TV - £300 a night-TV, formerly a licence to print money is now a licence for extortion.

- Sun attacks sex scenes in BBC series which has brought protests from Mary Whitehouse; Michael Grade and Bill Cotton inspire as much confidence running TV as Laurel and Hardy in charge of a chainsaw; neither can be trusted to ensure that filth is not poured into the nation's living rooms. Mirror feature writer says the BBC did go too far.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Star launches the search for the nation's Crackpot Council - its first shot lists 10.

EDUCATION

- All six teachers' unions meet LEAs today to try to 'avoid Government-imposed solution.
- Express leader on Jaguar's claim that apprenticeship candidates are weak in basic maths, cannot work well in teams and do not write or speak intelligibly - what an appalling indictment of our State education system.
- FT: A planned one-day strike in Scottish schools will go ahead on Thursday; but after a meeting with Malcolm Rifkind, the general secretary of the EIS said that a small step had been taken towards "opening up the opportunity for a negotiated way out".
- Telegraph says Left wing councils are losing the battle to stop 20 inner city techs being set up.

AIDS

- Survey suggests fears of AIDS are not strong enough to stop young from being promiscuous.
- Times: The AIDS epidemic may have been brought to earth from outer space by a passing comet, according to two Cardiff scientists.
- FT: The seriousness of AIDS is overrated compared with other diseases, says Niels Serne, winner of the 1984 Nobel prize for medicine.

LAW AND ORDER

- Asian newsagent jailed 3 months for selling solvent to a schoolboy who died.
- 25 hooded thugs smash up 4 trucks delivering Sun in dawn raid yesterday.
- Home Secretary re-examining Birmingham bombs case after ex-policeman tells Granada TV men had confessions beaten out of them.
- Charges against 119 arrested at Stonehenge last year are being dropped.

EAST/WEST

- Lord Chalfont, in Express, on the closed minds behind the open smiles in the Kremlin; the 'new' Russia is not all it seems.
- Times: The Kremlin yesterday despatched roving envoys to Western European capitals to press the Soviet view post-Reykjavik.
- Sir Michael Howard examines Anglo-American understanding in Telegraph.
- Guardian says that in a message to Gorbachev you are to shatter his dream of a nuclear free world by telling him the nuclear deterrents are here to stay in the foreseeable future.

DEFENCE

- MoD admits that four Royal Marines were shot by their own men in the final days of the Falklands war - mistaken for Argentinians.
- Lord Trefgarne accused of blocking investigations over an army contract - claims that he gagged Richard Ottaway MP, who wanted to know why a firm's bid for a contract was thwarted.
- Henry Kissinger told Labour MPs last night that the British independent nuclear deterrent contributed to a strong and united Europe (Times).

PEOPLE

- Edwina Currie gets plenty of attention for saying that the climax of a good speech "is like an orgasm".
- Express: Picture of you shaking hands with Frank Bruno at reception.
- John Browne MP, whose ex-wife has been threatened with jail unless she pays him final divorce settlement, to marry again.

EC

- Times: Trade ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday agreed 12 of a 16-measures package to dismantle barriers to free trade within the Community; seen as a triumph for you (FT).
- Independent: A perceptive quickening of moves towards a genuine Common Market as ministers yesterday cut through a number of barriers to internal trade.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Times: A South African rugby team from Capetown University is secretly playing a series of five matches in South East England. Government asks RFU to investigate.
- The SAG's brusque rejection of the qualified majority rule proposed for Natal by an all-races constitutional conference appears to have slammed the door on the last hopes of a negotiated solution to racial conflict.

FALKLANDS

- FT: Russia's fishing fleet will not seek licences from Britain to fish around the Islands.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young, Mr Clarke, Mr Lee and Mr Trippier at MSC Fit for Work awards, Lancaster House
- DEM: Lord Young speaks at the Society of Business Economists Dinner, Mayfair Hotel
- DEN: Mr Walker opens British Coal Enterprise Exhibition and later presents MONERGY Journalist of the year award.
- DOE: Mr Ridley addresses Building Employers Confederation at Hotel Intercontinental, London
- DTI: Mr Channon opens the Export '86 Exhibition at the Barbican, London and later is the guest of honour at the Society of Motor Manufacture and Traders annual dinner
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Foreign Affairs Committee
- HMT: Mr Lawson to address the "Better Made in Britain" dinner
- HO: Mr Hurd attends City of London Police lunch and later speaks at Reading University
- MOD: Mr Younger visits STC, High Wycombe
- DEM: Mr Trippier at presentation of Conquerer Awards for New Business Enterprise
- DEM: Mr Lee at Advisory Council on Race Relations, Home Office
- DES: Mrs Rumbold meets ACFHE (Association of Colleges of Further and Higher Education)
- DHSS: Mrs Currie attends National Nursery Examination Board, Glaziers Hall London
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave speaks at the Nature Conservancy Council 100th meeting at Peterborough
- DOE: Mr Tracey attends the Pools Promoters luncheon, Surrey Hotel
- DTI: Mr Butcher presents Design Council Student Sponsorship Scheme prize
- DTp: Mr Spicer addresses the Air Transport Group and Air Land Group Joint Symposium, Royal Aeronautical Society
- DTp: Lord Brabazon hosts reception and dinner of the Inter Allied Insurance Organisation, Gatwick Penta Hotel
- DTp: Mr Spicer speaks at the Annual dinner of the Joint Airports Committee of Local Authorities, Luton
- HO: Lord Caithness visits Fire Service College
- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Royal Smithfield Show
- MAFF: Mr Thompson attends British Retailers Association lunch, Drury Lane Hotel
- MOD: Mr Hamilton visits Devonport
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne visits MEL, Crawley

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC) (CONT'D)

SO: Mr Mackay visits Smithfield Agricultural Show, London
WO: Mr Edwards holds press conference on Housing The Visual Arts in
Wales, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

HMT: Mr Brooke to present draft budget to European Parliament

TV AND RADIO

"Call Nick Ross"; BBC Radio 4 (09.05)

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20)
